

Living with Long Term Conditions: Employability, Poverty and Welfare Reform

Annual Conference AGENDA 27 March 2012

9.30 – 10am	Registration and exhibitions	
10.00 – 10.05am	Welcome from Chair	Keith Aitken, writer and broadcaster
Session One: A bad time to be disabled?		
10.05 – 10.15am	Why today's event?	Ian Welsh, LTCAS Chief Executive
10.15 – 10.30am	Welfare reform and a difficult labour market – the reality	Pam Duncan, Independent Living in Scotland
10.30 – 11.00am	Scottish Government: supporting employability, tackling poverty	Michael Matheson MSP, Minister for Public Health
11.00 – 11.20am	Break	
Session Two: Sharing good practice		
11.20 – 12.25pm	Workshops	
12.25 – 1.30pm	Lunch and exhibitions	
1.30 – 2.30pm	Workshops	
2.30 – 2.40pm	Refreshments and move to plenary	
Session Three: Moving forward; creating a more optimistic future		
2.40 – 2.45pm	Short film ¹	
2.45 – 3.15pm	Health at Work – reducing the social and financial costs of absence	Professor Dame Carol Black, UK National Director for Health and Work
3.15 – 3.30pm	Journey to Work	Michael McEwan, Employment Champion, SCLD
3.30 – 4.15pm	Securing a better outlook for people who are disabled or live with long term conditions	Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Dame Carol Black • Pam Duncan, ILIS • Alistair Kerr, Momentum/ BASE • Billy Watson, SAMH • Simon Francis, DWP
4.15 – 4.20pm	Conclusion and thanks	Chair
4.20pm	Close	

¹ Featuring Epilepsy Scotland Employer Award winners and SKS social enterprise model as examples of good practice/creative approaches